Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, It is estimated that more than 1,000 individuals in South Dakota experience homelessness on any given night, including families with children, employed and unemployed workers, elderly residents, veterans, and disabled individuals; and,

Whereas, Homeless South Dakotans are individuals who lack fixed, regular, and adequate residence; live in a shelter; transitional living facilities, or a place not designated for living accommodations; or are at risk of being displaced from their residence; and,

Whereas, The purpose of this proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers across South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in our communities:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 16-22, 2008, as

HUNGER AND HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State